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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So...and I'm for the...go ahead.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I wasn't going to say anything.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question of Senator Chambers?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, what were you talking about with Senator Pederson, that you were glad something was going to happen?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I was thanking both Senators Beutler and Pederson, and the committee, for coming up with this idea of the way to use the interest of that fund, because it will mean that we will finish the Capitol project, the masonry project, a lot sooner, which means that we will save money in the long run by doing that. And you know that it has been a process that has been stalled and spread out over a longer period of time than it was originally intended to be. So we've already added some costs because of that, so I think this is an economically good move, plus I'm anxious to see the Capitol put back into the shape that it deserves to be in...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Before we die?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, please. (Laugh) And that tourists can enjoy, and that the people of Nebraska can enjoy. I know there are many other projects that need to be done around here, as I look at those walls up there. I know there's more to do, but we just have to finish the outside first.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'm supporting the bill. I think it's a good idea, also. I understand thoroughly now what it is,